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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications & Energy Commonwealth of Massachusetts One South Station, Second Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: <u>D.T.E. 01-39 – Joint Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule</u>

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

By this letter Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon MA"), on behalf of itself and Covad Communications Company, respectfully requests that the Department modify the current procedural schedule in the above-referenced proceeding for all parties as set forth below. The parties to this proceeding continue to pursue settlement of this matter. AT&T has indicated that it assents to the requested extension. Accordingly, Verizon MA respectfully requests that the Department enter an order modifying the procedural schedule in accordance with the following proposed schedule mutually agreed upon by the parties:

01/04/02	AT&T/Covad Rebuttal Testimony Due
01/18/02	Discovery Period Closes
02/12/02	Evidentiary hearing
02/19/02	Responses to Record Requests Due
02/26/02	Initial Briefs Due
03/12/02	Reply Briefs Due

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Keefe B. Clemons

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer
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Michael Isenberg, Esquire, Director-Telecommunications Division
Attached Service List